

Relationship of Peak Horizontal Ground Acceleration (PGA) to Modified Mercalli (MM) Intensity (After Waldet at...1999)

Peak Ground Accelerat	ion (PGA)
0.4 - 0.5	0.8 - 0.9
0.5 - 0.6	0.9 - 1.0
0.6 - 0.7	1.0 - 1.1
0.7 - 0.8	Faults

PGA(g)	MM Intensity	Perceived Shaking	Damage
0.34 - 0.65	VIII	Severe - Persons Driving Cars Disturbed	Moderate to heavy - Damage slight in specially designed structures; considerable in ordinary substantial buildings with partial collaps; great in poorly built structures. Chimneys toppled.
0.65 - 1.24	IX	Violent	Heavy - Damage considerable in specially designed structures; well designed frame structures thrown out of plumb; great in substantial buildings, with partial collapse. Buildings shifted off foundations.